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REMARKS

Claims 24 and 26 have been newly canceled. Thus, claims 1-10, 13, 22, and 23 are pending in the application.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-9, 22, and 23 are allowed.

Claims 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watt '571 in view of Gahwiler '512. While Applicants continue to believe that these claims are patentable over the applied prior art, the claims have been canceled, without prejudice to their re-introduction in a continuing application, in order to place the present application in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 10 and 13, solely on the basis of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, is overcome because of the filing herewith of a terminal disclaimer, with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,363,932. Accordingly, claims 10 and 13 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, in view of the amendments and arguments presented above. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number below, should any further questions or issues need to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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